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SUBJECT: COMMON FUNDING OF COSTS FOR LIVE ECCM TRAINING

REF: USNATO 1164 (NOTAL)

1. YOU MAY INFORM THE MBC THAT THE US FULLY SUPPORTS THE
CONCEPT OF COMMON FUNDING OF COSTS FOR LIVE ECCM TRAINING.

2. AS YOU NOTED, THE US HAS AND DOES STRONGLY FAVOR ECCM
TRAINING. HOWEVER, SECRETARY LAIRD' S STATEMENT AT THE MAY
1971 DPC MEETING THAT THE US WAS WILLING TO MAKE EW EQUIP-
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MENT AVAILABLE TO NATO DID NOT IMPLY THAT ANY EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES WOULD BE PROVIDED AT NO COST. THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE EB-66'S, WHICH WAS FORCED BY BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS LEFT ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE WITH VERY FEW VIABLE LIVE ECCM TRAINING ASSETS. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT TRAINING OF NATIONAL UNITS IS A NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, WE CONSIDER THAT LIVE ECCM TRAINING IS NOT TRAINING FOR NATIONAL UNITS BUT TRAINING FOR THE ENTIRE ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. DURING THE TIME THAT THE EB-66'S WERE AVAILABLE FOR LIVE ECCM TRAINING, MANY NATIONS DERIVED SIMULTANEOUS BENEFITS FROM THEIR USE. THE SERVICES WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE PROPOSED SHAPE PROGRAM WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE AND ARE NOT LIMITED TO INDIVIDUAL NATIONS. WE, THEREFORE,

CONSIDER THAT THE CONCEPT OF CONTRACTING FOR LIVE ECCM TRAINING IS A SOUND ONE. THE FACT THAT THE US HAS THE MAJORITY OF ASSETS WHICH ARE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING THIS TRAINING ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS IS NOT GERMANE TO THE ISSUE. IF OTHER NATO ALLIES WISH TO PROVIDE TRAINING ASSETS THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO AND IF THEY WISH TO DEVELOP THIS CAPABILITY THEY ARE ALSO FREE TO DO SO.

3. YOU MAY DRAW UPON PARA 2 FOR DISCUSSION IN THE MBC AS YOU DESIRE. ROGERS

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